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- 1. CHANGES IN DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE WILL RESULT IN TWO OF THE DEPUTY MINISTERS IN THE MFA LEAVING FOR DIPLOMATIC POSTS ABROAD. IN ADDITION TO GRUNERT (RESPONSIBLE FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND UNESCO AFFAIRS), WHO EXPECTS TO GO TO WASHINGTON, WE UNDERSTAND DEPYTY MINISTER EWALD MOLDT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO BONN AS GDR PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVE.
- 2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM GRUNERT THAT, ASSUMING AGREMENT, HE HOPES TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER IN TIME TO BE ABLE TO HOST OCTOBER 7 GDR NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION.
- 3. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHO YET IS SCHEDULED TO REPLACE GRUNERT OR MOLDT.

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4. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, DCM MONTAG WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER AND WILL BE REPLACED BY DR. KARL-HEINZ PLAGEMANN OF THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN POTSDAM/EAST BERLIN. MONTAG, WE HAVE HEARD, WILL BE RETURNING TO ACADEMIC LIFE. PLAGEMANN HAS TOLD US THAT HE EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SOMETIME AFTER OCTOBER 1. BOLEN

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